

## House Resolution No. 831

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are grieved to learn of the passing of former Missouri State Senator John F. Bass on February 25, 2007; and

**Whereas**, with the reputation as a leader and a coalition builder, John Bass served St. Louis City and the State of Missouri in many capacities, including as the St. Louis Public School Administrator, the St. Louis City Comptroller—the first Afro-American to be elected to that office, a Ward Alderman, as Deputy Director of the Missouri State Department of Transportation, and a member of the Advisory Board of Project Appleseed St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, John Bass was a talented boxer, earning a scholarship to Lincoln University, in Jefferson City, from which he received degrees in business administration and economics, and he later earned his master's degree in business administration from Washington University, in St. Louis, and served his country in the United States Navy; and

**Whereas**, after serving in the Missouri Senate, John Bass continued his career in Washington, D.C., where he served as Staff Director and Senior Executive of the House Subcommittee on Libraries and Memorials, responsible for overseeing the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Performing Arts Center, and the Division of Congressional Research, among others; and

**Whereas**, John Bass was a consultant to the United States Department of Education and the Department of Labor, a staff member of the Oversight Committee and the United States House Committee on Administration, responsible for House operations, investigations, staffing, and public policy; and

**Whereas**, passionate about the advancement of youth, John Bass began his career as an educator at Beaumont High School, and within a few years became its principal; and

**Whereas**, John Bass was a member of the faculty and staff of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, a guest professor at Harris-Stowe State College, and a member of the Board of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education; and

**Whereas**, while his wife, Frieda Whitmore Bass, precedes his death, John Bass leaves one daughter, Jill Patrice Bass Triplett, two grandchildren, Kacie Starr Triplett and Travis John Triplett, one great-granddaughter, Christiana Campbell Triplett, and his companion, Marietta Shelton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our sincerest and deepest condolences to the family of John F. Bass, with all of our gratitude for the service he gave to Missouri and to these United States; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John F. Bass.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Talibdin El-Amin, No. 57

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Representative Rodney R. Hubbard, No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 831, adopted February 28, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker